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SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN: FINAL SESSION

REF A) VICTORIA 353 (DTG 250556Z APR 78) B) VICTORIA 368 (DTG
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1. SUBJECT CONFERENCE WAS FORMALLY CONCLUDED 2100 APRIL 29
WITH THE ADOPTION OF FOUR RESOLUTIONS (GENERAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL/
STRATEGIC; AND ORGANIZATIONAL COOPERATION) AND PASSAGE BY
ACCLAMATION OF A HURRIDLY PREPARED STATEMENT OF "REVOLUTIONARY
SOLIDARITY" WITH THE SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT IN THE FACE OF
AN ALLEGED ATTEMPT BY REACTIONARY FORCES TO RETURN TO POWER.
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(VICTORIA 376 NOTAL)

2. ON THE SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN THE POLITICAL STRATEGIC
RESOLUTION DEMANDED A) THE "IMMEDIATE REINTEGRATION" OF MAYOTTE N
INTO THE COMOROS, B)MADAGASCAR SOVERIEGNITY OVER THE ISLANDS
OF BASSAS DA INDIA, EUROPA, JUAN DE NOVA AND THE GLORIEUSE
ARCHIPELEGO AND MAURITIAN SOVEREIGNITY OVER

TROMELIN ISLAND AND C) SELF DETERMINATION FOR REUNION. CONCERNING DEMILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE RESOLUTION TOOK NOTE OF US-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS, SAID THEY SHOULD NOT BE IMPEDED BY OTHER GLOBAL ISSUES AND REQUESTED THE PARTICIPATION OF REGIONAL STATES IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. ON DEMILITARIZATION THEME, CONFERENCE CALLED FOR A) THE DISMANTLEMENT OF THE AIR/NAVAL BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA AND THE RETURN OF THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO TO MAURITIUS" B) THE WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH TROOPS FROM REUNION C) THE " PROGRESSIVE AND RECIPROCAL REDUCTION OF FLEETS AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF NON-INDIAN OCEAN STATES" D) THE CESSATION OF INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR ARMS IN THE REGION E) PREVENTION OF NEW BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN "AFTER THE DISMANTLEMENT OF DIEGO GARCIA" F) THE DISSOLUTION OF CENTO AND G) REFUSAL OF ALL STATES TO ASSIST IN MILITARY ESPIONAGE BY "SATELLITE OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS". MAJOR POINTS IN KEY POLITICAL STRATEGIC RESOLUTION CONCERNING OBSERVER MOVEMENTS WERE SUPPORT FOR AND SOLIDARITY WITH ANC, SWAPO, PATRIOTIC FRONT, POLISARIO AND PLO AND A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA IN THE FACE OF "ACTIVE IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS AND OF REACTIONARY ARAB REGIMES".

3. SECRETARIAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN SEYCHELLES

B. CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY THIRTY PARTICIPANTS REPRESENTING UNCLASSIFIED

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SEYCHELLES (6 MEMBERS OF SEYCHELLES PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY), MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (5), MADAGASCAR (12 DELEGATES FROM 6 GROUPS) AND REUNION (7 DELEGATES FROM REUNION COMMUNIST PARTY, RADICAL LEFT PARTY AND CHRISTIAN WITNESS). OBSERVERS WERE PRESENT FROM PDRY (2), POLISARIO (2), FRELIMO(2), CCM TANZANIA, PATRIOTIC FRONT (1 ZAPU; 1 ZANU), ANC, SWAPO AND PLO (1 EACH) AND LIBYA BASED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST ORGANIZATIONS (2). OBSERVERS DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THREE DAYS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

5. THREE SOVIET JOURNALISTS AND ONE POLISH JOURNALIST ATTENDED CONFERENCE. SOVIET AMBASSADOR STARTSEV THOUGH INVITED TO ATTEND WAS ABSENT FROM CLOSING SESSION.

6. EMBASSY WILL TRANSLATE TEXT OF POLITICAL/STRATEGIC RESOLUTION AND FORWARD BY SEPT. OTHER CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS FOLLOWS UNDERCOVER OF AIRGRAM.MATTSON

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